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Island media meets with Dutch Prime **Minister Mark Rutte** MOU signed by MKB and Aruba



Signing the MOU

Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Mark Rutte, arrived on Aruba last Saturday, July 13, with a business delegation from Holland, to engage in talks with Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman. On Sunday, the Dutch PM toured Aruba with members of Holland's diplomatic mission to Aruba and met with island media yesterday morning to relate some of the issues discussed over the weekend.

The conference began

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte with the signing of an MOU good relations."

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The greatest concern expressed, at present, is Aruba's government resolving its economic deficit, which is substantial for a small island. PM Rutte acknowledged the efforts of the current administration to stimulate and diversify Aruba's economy. Presently, the island obtains financing on an international level at higher rates than Holland. If the government manages to balance the budget by 2016. Aruba will have access to the highly preferable rate offered the Dutch. Holland cannot, however, exact any sort of financial persuasion in the form of withdrawing assistance, as Aruba's current administration has not received, nor asked, for funds from the Dutch government. Both Prime Minister Rutte and Prime Minister Eman agreed Holland can provide help and influence several areas; most importantly, networking and connecting the island with the technological and financial contacts and expertise that could assist in Aruba devising and implementing programs to help it advance.

By Rosalie Klein



UNITED KINGDOM, London: Royal supporter Terry Hutt (2L) and self-proclaimed "Loyalest Royalist" Margaret Tyler (2R) pose for a photograph outside the Lindo Wing of Saint Mary's Hospital in London, on July 15, 2013, where Prince William and his wife Catherine's baby will be born. The hospital is ready, the Wikipedia page and Twitter accounts are up and Britain's famously creative press are running out of ideas. But today arrived with no sign of the royal baby. AFP PHOTO

Putin accuses US of 'trapping' Snowden in Russia

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday accused the United States of trapping US intelligence leaker Edward Snowden in Moscow, saying he would leave Russia as soon as possible.

'As soon as there's the chance to move somewhere he will certainly do this," Putin said in his first public remarks since Snowden summoned several rights activists and lawyers for a dramatic meeting Friday at state-controlled Sheremetyevo airport.

Putin accused Washington of preventing Snowden from leaving Russia after the fugitive ex-intelligence analyst arrived from Hong Kong on

"He arrived on our territory uninvited, he did not fly to us, he was flying in transit to other countries," Putin said in televised remarks.

"But as soon as he was in the air, it became known, and our American partners essentially blocked off his further flight."

Snowden was checked in for a flight from Moscow to Havana, Cuba on June 24 but never boarded the plane.

"They themselves scared off all the other countries, no one wants to take him, and

therefore they essentially themselves trapped him on our territory," Putin said.

"A nice gift to us for Christmas," the strongman president was quoted as saying by Russian reporters travelling with him on a visit to the island of Gogland in the Gulf of Finland.

Asked what will happen to Snowden, Putin said: "How would I know? That's his life, his fate."

But he also noted a change in position by Snowden, who said Friday he wanted to apply for asylum in Russia until he can travel on to Latin America.

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between Aruba's Minister of Economic and Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hopyboer-Winklaar and the President of the Midden en Klein Bedrijf, or MKB (Small and Medium Businesses) collective, Hans Biesheuvel. The MOU pertains to the proposition of Aruba becoming a business hub for commerce between Europe, specifically Holland, and the nations of Latin and Central America and the Caribbean. This could lead to the establishment of a number of business missions to the region, with Aruba deployed as their home base.

Prime Minister Eman acknowledged some of the issues discussed between the two leaders, including those of security for a small island in a turbulent region, as well as Aruba's economic status and prospects.

Prime Minister Rutte explained while contemplating his current trip, he considered what he could bring to the table during these talks, and "how to give a new direction and life to historical relations." He considered "Good Governance, Good Financial Management and Educational Training as three main

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US singer Chris Brown could face jail

LOS ANGELES (AFP) Prosecutors called Monday for US singer Chris Brown's probation for his notorious 2009 assault on then girlfriend Rihanna to be revoked, potentially landing him in jail.

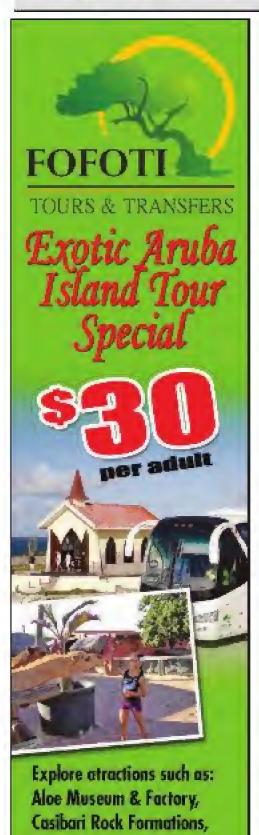
Brown was sentenced to five years' probation, a yearlong domestic violence program and 180 days of community service after assaulting Rihanna on the eve of the 2009 Grammys. A photo of her bruised face triggered widespread anger.

On Monday prosecutors filed a request in a Los Angeles court asking for his probation to be revoked after the singer was charged over an alleged lit-and-run car incident in May this

Brown, 24, could face up to four years behind bars if a judge agrees to revoke his probation.

He denied the traffic accident allegation, claiming the other driver involved was trying to get a "payday" from him.





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Joan Maria de Souza was lying on his bed in his home, which is built below ground, when a grazing cow stepped on the tin roof above and came crashing through.

The man was still conscious while being treated at a local hospital, but died later of internal bleeding, local media said, citing his family.



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The second winner is Mrs. Jacoba van den Hazel from Pos Chiquito, who won a car after spending only a single dollar!

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Serlimar celebrates their silver anniversary with the community















munity and the performers for their support. He cited many changes to upgrade the service of Serlimar and move towards more eco-friendly practices. He described how the company has evolved to accommodate the changing needs of the island businesses and has special equipment

and methods for handling hazardous and medical waste disposal.

Several new options for consumers have been initiated by the company during this anniversary year, including their new "Blue Bag" program of with free pickup of garden waste when purchasing their signature blue waste bags at any of several stores on Aruba.

For a full menu of the services now offered by Serlimar, as well as information regarding proper waste disposal visit their refreshed website: http://serlimar.org/.

By Rosalie Klein





Serlimar, Aruba's national waste management entity, hosted a giant street party for all islanders at the Plaza G.F. Betico Croes on Sunday evening, July 14, in celebration of its silver anniversary of serving the community.

There was music and dancing in the streets with a lively evening of entertainment from some of Aruba's top bands and dancing groups. Pachangeuros Dance Group, both Junior and Proput on a delightful show, as did the very mini Chazz. Dancers.

Two of Aruba's top bands, D'Licious and Tsunami, had the audience up and dancing to their favorite salsa, merengue and carnival songs, after which they refreshed at any of the slew of booths selling native cuisine and ice cold beer at bargain prices. It was a full evening of fun for the hundreds who attended this free, festive event.

Serlimar Director Fingal personally welcomed all who came to celebrate this special occasion, thanking the com-



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Obama's warm tribute to George H.W. Bush



President Obama honored former President George H.W. Bush at a ceremony presenting the 5,000th Daily Point of Light award for volunteers.

WASHINGTON (AFP) President Barack Obama paid
a warm tribute to former US
leader George H.W. Bush on
Monday at a White House
event to celebrate volunteering.

"How your love of service has kindled a similar love in the hearts of others," Obama said at the ceremony saluting the work of the non-profit Points of Light organization.

Sex-scandal Democrat heads hopefuls in NY mayor race

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) -Former Democratic lawmaker Anthony Weiner has edged ahead in the race for the party's nomination for New York's mayoral election, a poll showed Monday.

Weiner, who quit Congress in 2011 after it emerged he had exchanged sexually explicit messages and photos with various women on Twitter, now leads New York City Council speaker Christine Quinn.

The Quinniplac University poll showed Weiner has opened up a three-point advantage over his rival, leading by 25 percent to 22 percent.

Former New York Governor Eliot Spitzer -- another highprofile Democrat whose stellar political career went up in flames after a sex scandal -is also on the comeback trail in New York.

Spitzer, who quit as governor in 2008 after it emerged he had regularly visited prostitutes, is bidding to become the city's financial controller. Spitzer is currently the frontrunner for the position according to Quinnipiac, leading rival Scott Stringer with 48 percent to 33 percent.

Bush established the Daily Point of Light Award in 1989 to mark the work of individuals who volunteer. Monday's ceremony marked the 5,000th time the award was given since it was created.

Obama said Bush's commitment and support to volunteer service had helped create a "kinder, gentler nation" -- echoing the former president's famous slogan.

"Frankly, just the fact that you're such a gentleman and such a good and kind person, I think, helps to reinforce that spirit of service," Obama said.

"We are surely a kinder and gentler nation because of you. And we can't thank you enough," Obama added, before applauding the 89-yearold Bush.

The former president, who appeared in a wheelchair and was hospitalized for two months last winter following a bout of bronchitis, said returning to the White House was "like coming home for

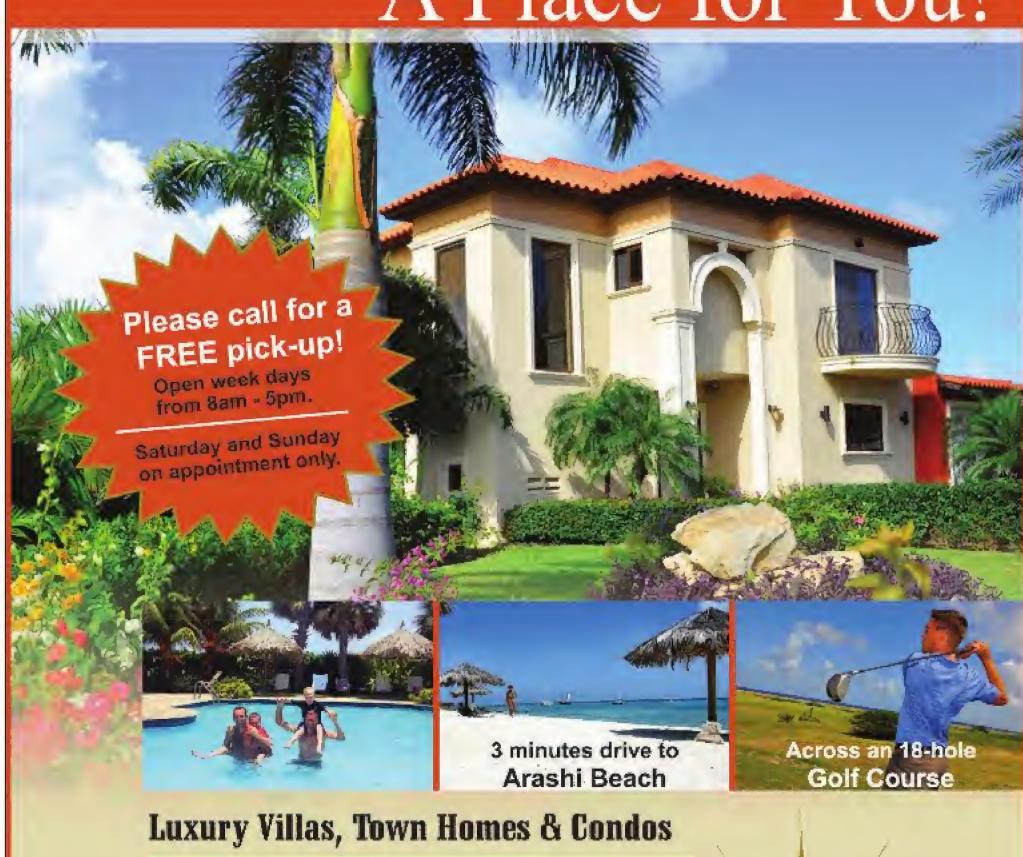
Barbara and me."

He thanked Barack and Michelle Obama for "wonderful hospitality."

Bush is the oldest of the four living former Presidents. The World War II veteran lost his bid for a second term in November 1992 when he was beaten by Democrat Bill Clinton.

His son George W. Bush, Obama's immediate predecessor as President, was not present at Monday's White House ceremony.

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Putin accuses US of 'trapping' Snowden in Russia Continued from pg 1

The Russian president conspicuously refrained from indicating if or when he might grant asylum to the world's most famous fugitive.

Putin said earlier this month that Snowden could claim asylum in Russia only if he stopped his leaks.

The condition initially prompted Snowden to withdraw his application, before the rights activists who met him on Friday said he had promised not to harm US interests in the future.

"Judging by his latest statement, he is somewhat changing his position, but the situation has not been finally clarified so far," Putin said.

Russia's Federal Migration Service said earlier Monday that it had not yet received an application from Snowden.

Putin, who is set to host US President Barack Obama for a bilateral summit in Moscow followed by the G20 summit in Saint Petersburg in early September, reiterated Russia's refusal to damage ties with Washington for Snowden's sake.

Putin said Russia had told Snowden: "We have certain ties with the United States. We do not want you through your activity to damage our ties with the States."

"He said 'no'. You are laughing but I am serious," added Putin, addressing a group of students.

He said Snowden had

vowed to continue his activism.

"We said: "That will be without us, then. We have other battles to fight," he said with a smile.

Snowden, whose passport has been revoked by Washington, has been marooned in the airport's transit zone for the past three weeks.

In a sign that Moscow may seriously consider an application from him, the speaker of the lower house of parliament, the State Duma, Sergei Naryshkin, said Friday that Snowden could apply for either temporary asylum or political asylum.

Requests for political asylum are reviewed by the Kremlin and granted by the president.

Observers have noted that Snowden's Friday meeting did not include some figures likely to upset Putin, such as Russia's best-known rights campaigners or organisations that deal with refugees.

But among those invited were figures such as Vyacheslav Nikonov, a lawmaker from ruling party United Russia, who would probably not have been known to Snowden before his arrival in

Washington has reacted sharply to the possibility that Moscow might offer Snowden a safe haven and accused it of providing him a "propaganda platform".

FARC leader says Colombia insurgency near end

BOGOTA (AFP) - The top negotiator for Colombia's leftist FARC rebel group said Monday he was confident that the nearly 50 year old guernilla war is almost over.

"We understand, and the country understands it as

Indonesian province bans female secretaries over affairs

GORONTALO (AFP) - The governor of an Indonesian province said he had ordered his top staff to replace their female secretaries with men following a string of extra-marital affairs.

"I received inputs that many government office heads here are involved in extra-marital affairs with their female secretaries," Rusli Habibie, the governor of Gorontalo province on northern Sulawesi island told AFP.

"They treat them much better than their own wives. They bring them presents from official trips like perfumes or branded bags while their poor wives get nothing," he said.

"For these reasons, I ordered them to replace their female secretaries with male assistants or with old women who are no longer attractive," he added.

Habibie is convinced that his subordinates will follow his instructions, though there won't be any punishment for those who don't

"This is a moral sanction. I'm pretty sure they will follow my order, and all of them will get a male secre-tary soon," he said, adding that there were about 50 senior officials in the province who had hired female secretaries.

well, that wars are not eternal, and we feel certain somehow that Colombia is near the end of the conflict," Ivan Marquez said in a radio inter-

Marquez is the FARC's number two and the rebel group's lead negotiator in peace talks with the government that have been underway in Havana since November.

"If artificial impediments are not put in the way, this will flow quickly," he said in the interview with RCN radio.

Asked whether a peace agreement could be signed by next November, as Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos has urged, Marquez. said, "It's possible, but I wouldn't go so far as to assert tion of leftist forces.

Negotiators have reached agreement on the top item on the agenda, which concerns rural development. Starting Monday, they are to begin discussing the question of the rebels' participation in poli-

Other agenda items include drug trafficking, the surrender of weapons and reparations for victims of the conflict.

Marquez said a constituent assembly should be convened to make the institutional changes needed to provide a foundation for peace.

Such a constitutional assembly "would surround the (peace) agreement with legitimacy," he said.

"No successor president would be able to say, 'I do not recognize these agreements." It is very important for that reason," he said.

Santos' term ends in August 2014, although he could run for reelection.

The FARC has not said how it intends to re-engage in politics once a peace agreement is reached, but Marquez indicated that the FARC would seek to form a coali-

Formed in 1964, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC by its Spanish acronym, is the country's largest guerrilla group, with an estimated 8,000 fighters.

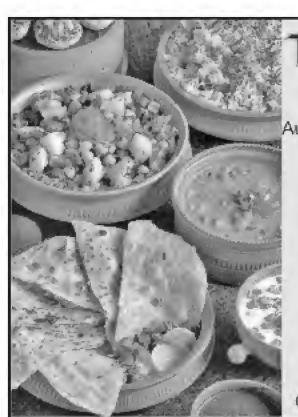
A smaller leftist guerrilla group, the National Liberation Army, or ELN, is also active in Colombia and has so far remained outside the peace process.



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International News

Dutch tourist tortured, raped, Australian court hears

SYDNEY (AFP) - A Dutch tourist was raped more than 60 times and tortured with a meat tenderiser and gas torch during a brutal six-week ordeal in Australia, a court heard.

The 21-year-old was allegedly abducted and kept prisoner in a Melbourne hotel in November and December last year, according to media reports hearing into the case at Melbourne Magistrates Court.

Alfio Anthony Granata, 46, and Jennifer Peaston, 32, face 179 charges each, including detaining the woman against her will, multiple threats to kill her, 62 counts of rape and 85 of assault.

According to court documents cited by Australian media, the tourist was abducted after meeting the couple at a party and held at the Rydges Preston hotel where she was allegedly sexually assaulted, beaten, tortured and threatened with murder if she attempted to escape.

"She lived in fear of beatings if she upset the accused in any way," a police summary of the case said, according to the Herald Sun newspaper.

"(Her) mental state deteriorated as a result of the abuse."

The pair are accused of attacking the woman with objects including a rolling pin, meat tenderiser, vacuum cleaner and a gas torch lighter in a pattern of escalating attacks that culminated in her stabbing Granata on Christmas Day as he slept and then attempting to kill herself.

The pair panicked and called emergency services, bringing an end to the six-week ordeal, in which she was allegedly forced to smoke drugs and was often left after beatings to sleep naked on the wet shower floor, according to police.

Police told the court that Granata had shot extensive video footage of the attacks -some 450 hours -- and it had taken officers six months to sift through it all. Chains, blindfolds and sex toys were also seized from the hotel The woman told police that Granata claimed to have been possessed by a demon and told her she was "marked for death".

In a bizarre Christmas Eve ritual, she said Granata sealed her photograph, fingernail and hair clippings and blood in an envelope and poured hot wax over her body.

Granata and Peaston were remanded in custody to appear in court on August 30.



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Catholics carry the World Youth Day (WYD) Cross that in 1984 Pope John Paul II entrusted the youth of the world, to the Christ The Redeemer Statute on the top of the Corcovado mount in Rio de Janeiro ahead of the upcoming visit of Pope Francis. The Pope is due in Rio for the July 22-28 Catholic WYD, an event expected to attract two million people from around the globe.

Shark kills 15-year-old girl in Reunion

SAINT-DENIS DE LA RE-UNION (AFP) - A teenage girl tourist was killed in a shark attack on Monday while swimming off the Indian Ocean island of Reumon, the second such attack this year in the French overseas territory.

Local officials said the 15year-old was attacked in the mid-afternoon while swimming just a few metres (yards) from shore in Saint-Paul bay on the western side of the island

The girl, on holiday from mainland France, was swimming with another girl who had just climbed on shore when the attack took place.

"Part of her body was carried away by the shark. Firefighters, lifeguards and a police helicopter are carrying out a search," said Gina Hoarau, the head of public safety in Saint-Paul. "The conditions of this attack are very surprising. We didn't think a shark could come so close to the shore," Hoarau said.

A 36-year-old French honeymooner was killed by a shark in May while surfing not far from the island's popular beach of Brisants de Saint-Gilles.

Last year, 78 shark attacks were reported around the world, of which eight were fatal.

Health & Living

H7N9 flu peril lies in deep lung infiltration: *study*

PARIS (AFP) - The H7N9 bird flu virus is a peril for humans because it replicates deep in the lungs where it can trigger a dangerous response from the immune system, a study said.

In addition, no one is likely to have pre-existing immunity to H7N9 and so-called seasonal vaccines cannot protect against it, the study said, confirming suspicions among many virologists.

And while lab tests show that leading anti-flu drugs are effective, there are concerns the virus may acquire gene mutations to blunt these weapons, it added.

The study, published in Nature by the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Beijing, delved into the genetic ID of the virus which emerged in China in February.

The virus has been characterised by severe symptoms of pneumonia and respiratory distress, with a high fatality rate, especially among the elderly.

There have been 131 confirmed cases of H7N9 in China, with at least 40 fatalities, according to Chinese figures. An additional case of illness occurred in Taiwan, involving a man who had been working in China.

H7N9 has a shape of receptor, or docking point, that enables it to latch onto cells in the lining of the lower respiratory tract and replicate there, the investigators said.

In contrast, the virus is less able to replicate in the trachea than in the lungs, which may help explain why it is not easily transmissible through the traditional pathway of coughs and sneezes.

H7N9 worsens the illness by triggering an uncontrolled reaction from the immune system, the study suggested. This "cytokine storm" can cause inflammation, tissue damage and fluid build-up in the lungs.

The researchers took blood samples from children aged between three and five; from adults aged 18 to 59; and seniors over 60 and exposed them to the virus.

The 90 samples showed no response from antibodies -- the frontline guardians of the im-

mune system which are trained to recognise an intruder.

Another battery of tests found that H7N9 remains vulnerable to Tamiflu and Relenza, the two main drugs to combat serious flu infection, the study said.

But it also pointed to two patients whose virus had signs of mutational resistance to these treatments.

The paper said "the first epidemic has subsided" but a potent threat remains.

H7N9 kills more than a third of hospitalised patients, The Lancet reported last month.

The fatality rate is lower than for H5N1 bird flu which has killed about 60 percent of hospitalised patients, but higher than for H1N1 "swine flu", a new virus that unleased a pandemic in 2009-10, for which there was a 21-percent death rate among people requiring hospitalisation.

According to the UN's World Health Organisation (WHO), the likely source of infection for H7N9 is exposure to fowl, such as in live poultry markets.



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DNA flaw boosts cancer risk from diabetes



PARIS (AFP) - A DNA flaw may explain why people with Type 2 diabetes are more prone to blood cancers than the rest of the population.

Doctors have long known that Type 2 diabetes is associated with leukaemia and lymphoma, but the reasons for this have been unclear.

Researchers in France and Britain, looking at blood samples from nearly 7,500 people, including 2,200 patients with Type 2 diabetes, suggest the answer lies in cellular mutations called clonal mosaic events (CMEs).

These are defects that result in some cells having extra copies -- or, alternatively, missing copies -- of large stretches of genetic code. Reporting in the journal Nature Genetics, the researchers said that in the general population, CMEs are usually very rare in young people but become more common with ageing.

Among people aged over 70,

around two percent have these mutations, which gives them a tenfold higher risk of developing blood cancer, previous research has found.

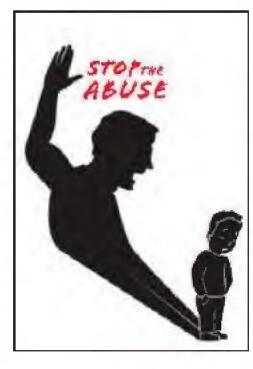
But among people with Type 2 diabetes, CMEs were four times more common than otherwise healthy people, the new study found. They also had a far higher rate of kidney failure, eye disease or heart disease.

"Type 2 diabetes is a disease that accelerates ageing, so we wondered if it would make people more likely to have these genetic defects that are associated with ageing," Philippe Froguel, from the School of Public Health at Imperial College London, who led the study, said.

"This finding may partly explain why people with Type 2 diabetes are more likely to get blood cancers."

According to the UN's World Health Organisation (WHO), 347 million people around the world have diabetes, a disease in which the body fails to break down glucose in the blood through the hormone insulin

Ninety percent of these have the Type 2 form of the disease, which typically shows up in adulthood or late childhood, driven by obesity and a sedentary lifestyle.





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Sci-Tech

World Bank invests in online education



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) -Online education service Coursera announced a fresh round of funding from the investment arm of the World Bank and other backers.

The Silicon Valley-based startup said that it took in \$43 million from a group of investors that included the World Bank's International Finance Corporation and Russian venture capitalist Yuri Milner.

"Coursera is on the forefront of transforming the \$4.5 trillion dollar learning industry," said Michael Moe, chief of GSV Capital, which also participated in the funding round.

"Coursera is democratizing access to the best universities and professors in the world."

Coursera.org was created by

Stanford University professors and launched in April of last year as an online venue for free university classes.

The startup is still working on ways to generate revenue with ideas such as fees for certificates of accomplishment or for tutoring.

Coursers works with 83 educational institutions in an array of countries and offers about 400 free college-level courses.

The startup got an initial round of \$22 million in funding last year.

Uses for the latest infusion of cash will include expanding t more countries and developing mobile applications so classes can be access from smartphones or tablets, according to Coursera.

S. Korea enforces smartphone app to curb military leaks

SEOUL (AFP) - South Korea's defence ministry said Monday it has ordered its staff to install a smartphone application that restricts key functions like the camera in an attempt to prevent military leaks.

The ministry said that, from Monday, its 1,500 staff are no longer allowed to bring smartphones into their offices without installing the app, called "Mobile Management Device".

The order caused a long queue at the gates of the ministry on Monday because some 20 percent of the staff had failed to install the app, officials said.

The ministry declined to confirm a report by Yonhap news agency that some staff had refused to install the app due to concerns about privacy.

Ministry spokesman Kim Min-Seok told reporters that the app, which restricts the use of cameras and audio recording, prevents leaks through



smartphones and stops outsiders from hacking into the devices of defence ministry officials.

"We've developed a system to restrict the core functions of smartphones because of concerns that our work could be leaked through them," he said.

For now, the app only works in the ministry compound. Officials said all South Korean soldiers would be ordered to install it later.

The ministry promised to upgrade the app after an operational flaw emerged.

Users of Samsung's Galaxy

and other Android phones can receive and make calls and text messages, but iPhone users can only receive calls and text messages.

Yonhap quoted an unnamed air force lieutenant colonel as saying: "Even if I bring my iPhone 4 that passed the security review, I can only receive calls and text messages. What can I do with the dumb phone?"

About 70 percent of South Korea's 50 million people have smartphones -- the world's highest penetration rate



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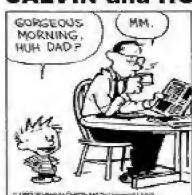
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Kuwait discovers new oil and gas field

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - The Gulf state of Kuwait has discovered a new oil and gas field in Kabed area close to the well-known Manageesh oilfield, Hashem Sayed Hashem, CEO of stateowned Kuwait Oil Co said on Monday.

Hashem gave no estimates of the reserves in the field located in western Kuwait but told the official KUNA news agency that more details would be released at a later date.

OPEC member Kuwait is pumping around 3.0 million barrels per day of oil and says it has about 100 billion barrels of crude reserves although the figure had been questioned in the past.

The emirate has earmarked around \$100 billion to be invested over the next five years on several oil projects like building a large refinery and upgrading two existing ones.

The investment is part of a long-term plan aimed at boosting oil production capacity to 4.0 million bpd by 2020.

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US retail sales stall in June

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US retail sales slowed in June to a halt except for continued growth in automobile sales, government data released Monday showed.

Retail and food services sales rose 0.4 percent from May, compared with a 0.6 percent rise the prior month, the Commerce Department said.

Analysts had expected a gain of 0.7 percent.

Auto sales rose 1.8 percent from May, including a 2.1 percent increase in sales at dealerships

Excluding motor vehicle and parts sales, retail sales were flat

Furniture and home furnishing sellers had the biggest gain, with sales up 2.4 percent from May, followed by "non-store" online retail sales, up 2.2 percent.

Miscellaneous retailers suffered the largest drop in sales, 2.5 percent. Sales at building material and garden supplies stores fell 2.2 percent.

FINANCE

IMF says Spain banking reform on track, risks ahead

MADRID (AFP) - Spain's bad-loan ridden banks, which were thrown a 41.3-billion-euro (\$53-billion) European lifeline last year, are stronger but still face high risks, the IMF warned in a staff report released Monday.

"Implementation of Spain's financial sector program remains on track," the International Monetary Fund said in its third report following a May 21-31 visit to Madrid.

The reports form part of the surveillance by the trocka of the European Union, European Central Bank and Washingtonbased IMF to check Spain's compliance with conditions imposed in July 2012 in return for the banking rescue loan.

The Fund welcomed the creation of a bad bank, Sareb, charged with taking on the stricken banks' toxic assets at a heavy discount and then trying to sell them at a profit.

"Actions to recapitalise parts of the banking sector and the asset transfers to Sareb have provided an important boost to the system's liquidity and solvency," it said.

"Notwithstanding this progress, risks to the economy

and hence to the financial sector remain elevated," the report said.

It cited Spain's need to correct its budget deficit, reduce the high level of private debt and cope with sliding real estate prices.

"Risks to the financial sector arising from the difficult economic environment still loom large, requiring continued action to safeguard the program's gains and better support economic recovery," the IMF said of Spain, the eurozone's fourth-largest economy, which has been in recession since mid-2011.

Mexico to invest \$309bn to improve infrastructure

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launch three high-speed trains.

He said the funds will go to-

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MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexico's president unveiled plans Monday for \$309 billion in private and public investments to improve the country's infrastructure during his six-year term, including the transport, telecommunications and energy sectors.

President Enrique Pena Nieto, who took office in December, said the flow of investments during the 2013-2018 period will depend on the approval of a fiscal reAnd the investments will be channeled toward the water and power utility companies

ergy giant Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex).

Lamenting the disappointing growth of infrastructure in Latin America's second biggest economy, Pena Nieto said the program is aimed at "converting Mexico into a great, global logistical center."

and the country's state-run en-

According to the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Index, Mexico ranks 68th out of 144 nations when it comes to infrastructure.

In October 2008, then-president Felipe Calderon launched a \$4.1 billion infrastructure program to offset the effects of the global financial crisis on Mexico's economy.

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Switzerland	CHF	191.71	192.43	188.33	
Netherlands	EUR	230.59	232.69	234.08	
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VACA MUERTA (AFP) - Handout picture taken on weekend and released by Argentina's state-owned energy giant YPF, showing its management facilities in Vaca Muerta, in the south-western Argentine province of Neuquen. Vaca Muerta ("Dead Cow"), which spreads across 30,000 square kilometers, is considered one of the largest oil shale deposits in the world and according to official estimates holds 22.5 billion barrels of oil.

Smartphone life shakes up website world

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) Internet giants from Google
and Facebook to Yahoo and
Zynga are scrambling to adapt
to an online world where people reach for smartphones or
tablets instead of traditional
computers.

Social games pioneer Zynga, which rose to stardom making titles played at Facebook's website, is cutting nearly a fifth of its staff as part of a move to focus on titles for mobile gadgets.

After taking over as chief executive at Yahoo last year, former Google executive Marissa Mayer laid out a turnaround strategy that made a priority of tailoring offerings to smartphones and tablets.

The dismal performance of Facebook's freshly-launched stock last year was blamed in large part on fears that it lacked tools to cash in on members who are increasingly accessing the social network from mobile devices.

Google has proved prescient by creating and giving away an Android mobile operating system that showcases its



software and services on smartphones and tablets.

Even the Mountain View, California-based technology titan's seemingly offbeat "big bets" on Internet-linked Glass eyewear and Web-connected self-driving cars are seen by some analysts as shrewd moves to remain anchored in lifestyles.

"The head-mounted display makes the mobile user much more valuable because you can serve ads as they are walking and make them location-based," independent Silicon Valley analyst Rob Enderle said of Glass.

"With self-driving cars, the dashboard is a huge tablet; if

the car is driving and someone is bored, you can serve up whatever you want."

Companies that staked claims with websites visited by people using desktop or laptop computers risk obsolescence if they don't adapt to Internet users switching to apps on smartphones or tablets.

Industry data shows that people are moving "aggressively" to apps and away from traditional websites, according to Gartner analyst Van Baker.

"It is important to cater to that mobile user," Baker told AFP. "That is the driving force in the market right now, the one device a person carries everywhere -- the smartphone."

Not only are the devices preferred by Internet users changing, so is their behavior.

Gartner research shows that people using smartphones access the Internet an average of 20 times a day with sessions lasting about a minute, compared with four times daily for about 35

minutes a pop on traditional computers.

"It is a big challenge, because the behavior associated with a smartphone is dramatically different from a notebook computer," Baker said.

"Your experience needs to be two clicks deep and be done in a minute," he continued. "If it takes any longer, they are gone."

Smartphones in particular have small screens, raising the risk of people being annoyed by advertising.

Mobile devices also allow location, calendar information and other contextual data to be woven into services to win people over with desirable information at just the right moments and places.

Internet companies don't have the luxury of focusing on either mobile devices or traditional computers; they must tailor offerings for both, according to analysts.

Established Internet companies tend to be well-positioned to adapt to engaging people on mobile devices.

However, the ability to bypass running websites makes it easier for startups to blaze into the market with mobile apps.

Zynga faces the added challenge of being in a hits-drive business in a world where loyalty to apps is fleeting.

Most of the people who download a mobile app at launch abandon it within three months, according to Gartner.

"The life of 'Draw Something' or 'Farmville' can be even more compressed in the mobile world," Golvin said, referring to Zynga titles.

"A game is a hit, people engage and then the next hit comes along and takes up their time."

'Despicable Me 2' tops US box office for a second week

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - "Despicable Me 2," a sequel to the 2010 animated blockbuster, led the US box office for a second consecutive weekend, industry estimates showed Sunday.

The comedy, with Steve Carell voicing villain-turned-doting-father Gru, earned an anticipated \$44.8 million between Friday and Sunday, industry tracker Exhibitor Relations said.

If those numbers hold up, the film will have earned \$229.2 million since its release earlier this month.

In second place was the sequel "Grownups 2," about a group of middle aged men who reunite after the death of their basketball coach and spend the summer together reconnecting.

The film, a star vehicle for comedians Adam Sandler and Chris Rock, earned \$42.5 million



The Godzilla-like monsters and skyscraper-sized robots in Benicio del Toro's "Pacific Rim" made a third place debut, earning \$38.3 million.

Fourth place went to buddy flick "The Heat" starring Sandra Bullock as a talented but haughty FBI agent and Melissa McCarthy as a roughand-ready Boston cop, with \$14 million.

"The Lone Ranger," starring Johnny Depp as the masked lawman's iconic sidekick Tonto, fell from second place last week to fifth, with \$11 million in tickets sold.

In sixth place was "Monsters University," a prequel to Pixar's 2001 hit "Monsters, Inc.," with \$10.6 million.

"World War Z," starring Brad Pitt as a former UN investigator trying to save the world from a zombie invasion, took in \$9.4 million, good enough for seventh place.

Beckham says call royal baby David



LONDON (AFP) - Football superstar David Beckham recommended his friend Prince William and his wife Catherine call their baby David if it's a boy.

The former England captain, 38, who attended the couple's wedding in April 2011 with his Spice Girl singer wife Victoria, suggested his own name for the new royal arrival.

"David's pretty good! David's not bad. I think they should go for David -- if a boy!", he told Sky News television

British bookmakers make the name David an outsider at odds of between 33/1 and 100/1.

The father of four said the 31-year-old prince's maturity would help him in his new role.

"They're going to be amazing parents because they are so loving towards children," he said

William has been the presi-

dent of the Football Association, the sport's governing body in England, since 2006.

"I've seen more of William than I have of Kate but William has been in all of our lives for so many years and we've seen him grow from that young boy into an unbelievable gentleman," Beckham said.

"And that's an amazing quality that he shows. I think that, as a father, is so important."

In 2010, Beckham, William and British Prime Minister David Cameron teamed up and flew to Zurich in a bid to bring the 2018 football World Cup to England.

However, the all-out charm offensive flopped, with England only earning two of 22 votes -- one of them their own.

King Edward VIII, who inherited the throne in 1936 before abdicating, was known in the royal family as David, one of his other given names.



Kelly Osbourne, The goth girl-turned-fashionista has announced that she and boyfriend Matthew Mosshart, a vegan chef, are engaged, and tells Hello! magazine that the recent proposal during a tropical getaway involved an homage to her dear of dad. Kelly says she remembers being fascinated with one of her father's earrings when she was a kid, and that her similarly designed engagement ring means that memory will always be with her. Kelly and Matthew have been together for two years.

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--A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the

the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8

a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.99, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-caneat pancakes, for \$6.99, with free refills on fresh coffee. A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast, home fries, with complimentary, unlimited coffee for only \$9.99! Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost



5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English waywith vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open from 8am to 10pm-ish Sunday - Thursday. For those late night diners, 5 Burgers is open until 3AM-ish on Friday & Saturdays! Delivery is available to most Hotels and most beaches! Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.



Canada out, Mexico defeats Martinique

DENVER - Panama secured the Group A title after playing to a scoreless draw against Canada in the CONCACAF Gold Cup at Sports Authority Field on Sunday.

The Panamanians finished the group unbeaten at 2-1-0 (7 points), earning a berth in next weekend's quarterfinals in Atlanta. For the second consecutive Gold Cup, the Canadians (0-1-2, 2 pts.) were eliminated by the Central American side.

It is the fifth time in six attempts—that—Panama—has reached the knockout stages. Two years ago, it fell to the United States in the semifinals.



Panama's Eybir Bonagas, front left, loses control of the ball to Canada's Nikolas Ledgerwood in the second half of the teams' 0-0 tie

ter-finals.

With this win Mexico

This was the first meeting

booked their spot in the quar-

between the countries since

the 1993 Gold Cup. Mexico

won that game 9-0 on the way

to its first of six Gold Cup

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Mexico's Rafael Marquez did not score against Martinique, but he had a role in two of Mexico's goals.

Panama head coach Julio Dely Valdes opted for an alternate lineup against Canada, resting most of the starters he used in the opening matches. Marcos Sanchez and 19-year-old Roberto Chen were the only ones retained from the usual first eleven.

It was a strategy Valdes said he would use in order keep players fresh for the quarterfinals.

Canada had some lineup changes of its own with interim head coach Colin Miller starting Ashtone Morgan and Pedro Pacheco for the first time this tournament.

Youth and inexperience was evident on the field as both

teams tried to establish a rhythm. That process resulted in some atypical attempts on goal from difficult angles.

While Mexico, who were stunned by Panama in the group opener but got their bid for a third consecutive Gold Cup title back on track by winning their remaining games, went ahead in the first half through Marco Fabian and Luis Montes before Kevin Parsemain's penalty made it 2-1

Martinique had opportunities to equalize in the second half but could not make the breakthrough, and Miguel Ponce scored from close range in the 90th minute to make the game safe for the Mexicans.



SPORTS

Cycling: I'm no cheat like Armstrong, says Froome

AVIGNON (AFP) - Tour de France leader Chris Froome on Monday hit out at critics who believe he could be following in the footsteps of shamed drugs cheat Lance Armstrong after his stunning win on Mont Venteux.

"To compare me with Lance... Lance cheated, I'm not cheating. End of story," the British rider said on the race's second and final rest day Monday.

Froome reinforced his grip on the race leader's yellow jersey, with an impressive win on the fabled climb on Sunday to claim his second mountaintop stage victory of this year's 100th edition.

But the Kenyan-born Briton's performance, which featured several short but remarkable attacks on the 20.8 km climb to the summit, raised suspicions -- and prompted comparisons with Armstrong, who saw his record seven Tour titles removed for doping.

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Froome, who now leads Dutchman Bauke Mollema by 4min 14sec and former two-time winner Alberto Contador of Spain by 4:25, has claimed since the start of the race that he is "100 percent clean" and that his titles would never be stripped in the future.

The 28-year-old reiterated those claims at his team hotel in Avignon on Monday but indicated he has had enough of being made to feel he is a cheat.

Froome finished runner-up in the race last year when Sky teammate Bradley Wiggins, absent this time round after illnees and injury, became the first Briton to win the world's biggest bike race.

The race resumes Tuesday when the 16th stage takes the peloton over hilly terrain from Vaison-La-Romaine to a downhill finish in Gap.

Motorcycle racer killed in Maine



-- A motorcycle racer trying to top 300 mph died Sunday after losing control and zooming off a runway at a former air base in northern Maine. Bill Warner, 44, of Wimauma, Fla., was clocked at 285 mph before he lost control but it was unclear how fast the motorcycle was traveling when it veered off the paved runway and crashed, said Tim Kelly, race director of the Loring Timing Association, which hosted The Maine Event at Loring Air Force Base.

Warner was conscious and talking after the crash just before 10 a.m., Kelly said, but he died about an hour and 15 minutes later at a hospital in Caribou. Riding his modified turbocharged.

Hayabusa, Warner previously hit 311 mph on the same course in 2011, using 1.5 miles of pavement. That's considered to be the world land speed record for a conventional motorcycle, Kelly said.

This time he was trying to hit 300 mph using just a mile of pavement, and he'd made several passes before the one in which he crashed, Kelly said. The Maine Event is an annual timed-speed event that utilizes the 14,200-foot-long runway at the former Strategic Air Command base that closed in 1994.

The Loring Timing Association uses 2.5 miles of the runway for its events, and there's an additional buffer of 2,000 feet, Kelly said. On Sunday, about 400 spectators watched as Warner began veering right after passing the 1-mile mark, traveling upright for another 2,000 feet before exiting the runway and crashing, Kelly said. The remainder of Sunday's event was canceled.

The Limestone Police Department and Maine State Police were investigation the crash.



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Athletics: Adidas suspends Gay sponsorship over drugs

BERLIN (AFP) - Adidas on Monday said that it had suspended its sponsorship with Tyson Gay, after the US sprinter tested positive for a banned substance.

The German company said in a statement that it was "shocked" at revelations that he failed a drugs test but was implementing the terms of his deal

"Even if we presume his innocence until proven otherwise, our contract with Tyson is currently suspended," adidas

"adidas has a clear policy on doping and drug use -- each of the agreements with our athletes include a clear clause

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which states that the agreement shall be terminated by adidas if the athlete is found guilty of the possession or use of drugs or any other prohibited substance by the relevant governing sports body having jurisdiction over the athlete."

Gay, 30, is one of the four fastest men in history and has a personal best of 9.69 secs for the 100m and 19.58 secs for the 200m.

He was the triple 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay world champion in 2007 and won silver in the half-lap sprint at the 2009 edition but failed to translate that success to Olympic level through bad luck and mury.

On Sunday, he confirmed that he had been informed that he had tested positive for a banned stimulant at the US National Trials in June.

He insisted, though, that he had "never knowingly or wilfully taken any supplements or substances that break any rules".

A second high-profile sprinter, Jamaica's Asafa Powell, also confirmed on Sunday that he had failed a drugs test, but in contrast to adidas, his sponsor, Puma, told AFP they were sticking by him.

Puma said: "We have a long term relationship with the

JAAA (Jamaican Amateur Athletics Association) and we have the utmost faith in the anti-doping measures they are taking in order to ensure the credibility of their athletes and the integrity of Jamaican athletics as a whole."

Puma emphasised that they did not have an individual contract with Powell, the former world 100m record holder, instead sponsoring the entire Caribbean island's athletics'

However, Powell was one of five Jamaican athletes revealed Sunday to have been caught doping, and that hot on the heels of twice Olympic 200m champion Veronica Campbell-Brown's failed test last month.



Football: Manchester United bid for Barca's Fabregas - reports

LONDON (AFP) - Manchester United have made a £25 million (\$37.7 million, 28.9-million-euros) offer for Barcelona midfielder Cesc Fabregas, reports in the British media suggested on Monday.

Sky Sports News television, the BBC and the domestic Press Association news agency all said that the English Premier League champions were interested in signing the Spanish international.

The Press Association said that an offer had been submitted for the player, who came through Barcelona's youth academy before joining Arsenal as a 16-year-old in 2003.

If completed the Fabregas move would represent new manager David Moyes' first major signing since the former Everton boss succeeded Alex Ferguson during the close sea-

News of a potential offer for Fabregas emerged a day after



confirmation that Barcelona had sold Spain Under-21 captain Thiago Alcantara to European champions Bayern Munich.

Fabregas graduated to become the Gunners' captain and one of their most influential players before returning to Barca in a £25.4 million, fiveyear deal in August 2011.

Since then he has helped the Catalan giants claim the Copa del Rey in 2011-2012 and La Liga in 2012-13.

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Athletics: Gay, Powell doping cloud tarnishes worlds

PARIS (AFP) - Less than a month away from the World Championships in Moscow, sprinting has succumbed once again to the shame of doping as American Tyson Gay and Jamaican Asafa Powell were caught out.

The 30-year-old Gay insisted he made a mistake in erroneously trusting someone he shouldn't have.

Powell confirmed he too had failed a dope test, one of five Jamaicans reportedly to have done so at their country's national trials.

The 2007 world champion Gay would have gone into the worlds not as favourite, but as close a fancied challenger to Usain Bolt as anyone could be.

He had posted the fastest 100m time of the year with 9.75sec, almost two tenths quicker than Bolt's best effort in 2013.

Alongside Yohan Blake, who has been suffering with a thigh injury this season, Gay is the second fastest man of all time with his 9.69sec managed in Shanghai in 2009 bettered only by Bolt himself

Powell had not qualified for the worlds but had the third fastest 100m time this year and is the fourth fastest man in history, behind Bolt, Gay and Blake.

Gay was majestic in cruising to a 100m and 200m double at the American World Championship trials in June.

Yet following fast on the heels of Jamaica's double Olympic 200m champion Veronica Campbell-Brown's own failed dope test, this latest news is another crushing blow to the credibility of sprinting.

There was yet more bad news to come from the Caribbean.

Powell and Sherone Simpthe 2008 Olympic women's 100m runner-up, and member of the sprint relay gold-medal winning team in 2004, were immediately identified.

With a host of eastern European athletes failing tests this year, including Bulgaria's European indoor 60m champion Tezdzhan Namova, Russian European 300m winner Yelena Arzhakova Russian and

Olympic discus silver medallist Dania Pishchalnikova, athletics is reeling.

Not that athletics, and in particular sprinting, have ever been strangers to the scourge of drug

The impact of Gay's doping case will be wider ranging, though, not least because one of the favourites to challenge Bolt in his absence will be his US compatriot Justin Gatlin, who has already served two drug

suspensions during his career.

The credibility of the sprint disciplines in track and field will now be hanging by an even thinner thread than ever before.

Such high-profile cases in the past have seen Ben Johnson stripped of his Olympic 100m title with Marion Jones suffering the same fate. Kelli White lost her 100m and 200m double success in the 2003 World Championships after she was later caught doping.

Other big names in the not too distant past such as Linford Christie and Dennis Mitchell have been banned while Kostas Kentens, the Sydney 200m Olympic champion, and his countrywoman and 100m Olympic silver-medallist Ekaterina Thanou were prevented from competing at their home Games in Athens and subsequently banned for faking a motorcycle accident in order to skip a dope test.

